

IN THE SPECIFICATION

[0018] The advantage of the method of the present invention is to provide greater resistance of the filter layer 14 to tensile loads transmitted from the base pipe 10. There is greater collapse strength in the filter layer 14 because the interference fit between the filter layer 14 and the base pipe 10 provides firm support over as much as the entire length of the filter layer 14. With the need to weld, use adhesives or mechanical connectors eliminated, the screen can be made more cheaply and in some application the corrosion that could be an issue at the welds is eliminated.